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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/054,145	Applicant(s) YONKER ET AL.	
	Examiner NEIL LEVY	Art Unit 1615	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

The 112 rejection is withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 4-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pleasants 6272791 in view of Shuyler 2957804, Bitrex, and Marshall et al 5449514 or Smart 4809455.

The rejection of 10/4/04 is maintained and enlightened by Marshall, to provide cellulosic/wax components, or Smart. Given the prior art of record, one of ordinary skill in the Murine animal control arts would have found it obvious, desiring a visible indicator of activity, to utilize Pleasants, but with components more suited to vermin, than insect, control. As such, the disclosures of Shuyler and Marshall provide the required bait and poison elements, with Bitrex as child safeguard, to permit one in the art, motivated by Pleasants to control vermin, to adjust Pleasants device as desired. Smart is cited to show multi species baits, with cellulose, puncturable are packaged.

Applicant's arguments filed 1/12/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues the amended claims should be allowable, as prior office action did not find the now claimed elements. However, reconsideration leads to understanding the instant invention is a Murine animal control means, while "animal" can include insects, termites, ants, who also eat cellulose. In this vein, the prior art applied is representative, pleasant in particular, of bait packages available, with refined mints directed at the species desired to be baited and poisoned. We do not see direct

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motivation to lead one to claim 1 and 13, if the subject matter of both claims 7, 9 are incorporated into 1 and into 13.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neil Levy whose telephone number is 571-272-0619. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday- Friday 7:00 am to 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman Page can be reached on 571-272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-8300.

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April 20, 2005



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